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FOR UNDER SECRETARY SISCO

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OREP (MATHIAS, CHARLES)  
SUBJECT: CODEL MATHIAS: WRITTEN QUESTIONS LEFT WITH EMBASSY

REF: (A) STATE 94344, (B) CAIRO 5090

1. EMBASSY POUCED COPY OF CODEL'S QUESTIONS TO UNDER SECRETARY  
SISCO'S OFFICE ON APRIL 19 AS STATED REF B.

2. WE APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S OFFER TO PREPARE ANSWERS TO  
QUESTIONS WHICH GO BEYOND OUR CAPABILITIES OR INVOLVE MATTERS  
BEST HANDLED IN WASHINGTON (REF A). TO FACILITATE RESPONSE,  
WE ARE REPEATING BELOW THOSE WHICH WE FEEL FALL INTO ABOVE  
CATEGORIES. ALL OF OUR ANSWERS, OF COURSE, WILL BE SUBJECT  
TO DEPARTMENT'S SCRUTINY AND APPROVAL.

3. RE TIMING, WE WERE ADVISED BY CODEL STAFF THAT THEY HOPE  
TO HAVE RESPONSES READY FOR INCORPORATION IN REPORT TO  
BE SUBMITTED MAY 15 (ALTHOUGH THEY ADMIT THIS MAY BE  
UNREALISTIC). SENATOR TOLD AMB HE WOULD APPRECIATE REPLIES  
ASAP AND WE ARE WORKING ON THAT BASIS. EMBASSY PLANS  
TO HAVE ITS CONTRIBUTION READY FOR POUCHING TO DEPARTMENT BY  
COB APRIL 28 AT THE LATEST.

4. SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS, KEYED TO CODEL'S

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A. MILITARY

(8) IN SADAT'S RECENT EUROPEAN TOUR, WHAT MILITARY DEALS  
WERE STRUCK OR HINTED AT? SPECIFICS? -(WE HAVE REPORTS  
FROM VARIOUS POSTS, BUT HARD INFO IS LIMITED).

(9) WHAT IS THE U.S. ESTIMATE OF THE THREAT TO  
EGYPT? (THIS IS A JUDGMENT BEST MADE IN WASHINGTON.)

(11) PLEASE PROVIDE A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF EGYPTIAN AND  
LIBYAN MILITARY CAPABILITIES. EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI.  
EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN. EGYPTIAN AND JORDANIAN. PLEASE  
DO EACH ON A 3-YEAR COMPARATIVE BASIS (WHILE WE CAN ASSESS  
EGYPTIAN MILITARY CAPABILITIES, WE ARE NOT ABLE DO SO  
MEANINGFULLY FOR ISRAELIS, LIBYANS, JORDANIANS OR SYRIANS.)

B. POLITICAL (NONE)

C. ECONOMIC-FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

(8) PLEASE PROVIDE A TEN-YEAR COMPARISON OF INFLATION  
RATES FOR EGYPT. (IBRD REPORT COVERS ONLY PAST FEW YEARS.)

D. U.S. ASSISTANCE (NONE).

E. OTHER ISSUES

(3) SFM - WHAT ARE THE WITHDRAWAL CONTINGENCIES FOR  
THE SFM SHOULD A CONFLICT IN THE SINAI OCCUR? (WE HAVE NOT  
BEEN DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN E AND E PLANNING OR SFM.)  
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